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Serial No. 10/046,106

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For METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR COOLING HOT ROLLED
STEEL STRIP, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
HOT ROLLED STEEL STRIP

Art Unit : 1742

FILING MISSING DECLARATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.53 (f)

Commissioner for Patents

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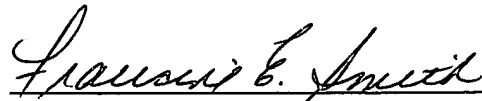
Enclosed herewith is the executed Declaration dated March 11, 2002. Please enter it in the file of the above-identified application.

Additionally, the NOTICE indicated that a total additional claim fee in the amount of \$84.00 is due for 6 independent claims over 3. **This is not correct.** The application as filed contained a total of 8 independent claims - **NOT 9** independent claims. The 8 independent claims are claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 25 and 29. Accordingly, the additional independent claim fee which was due on filing of the application was \$420.00 (5 x \$84.00 = \$420.00).

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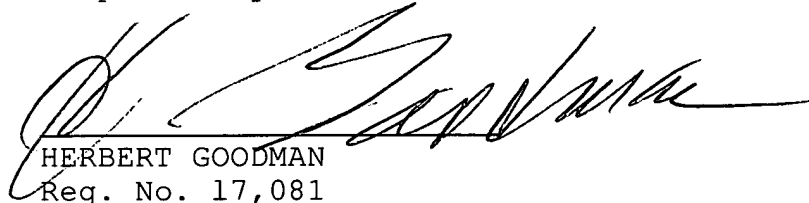

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When the application was filed, a filing fee of \$2,034.00 was paid which included the \$420.00 additional independent claim fee. Therefore, the only fee now due is \$130.00 for submitting the Declaration.

Please apply the enclosed check in the amount of \$130.00 as the surcharge for filing the Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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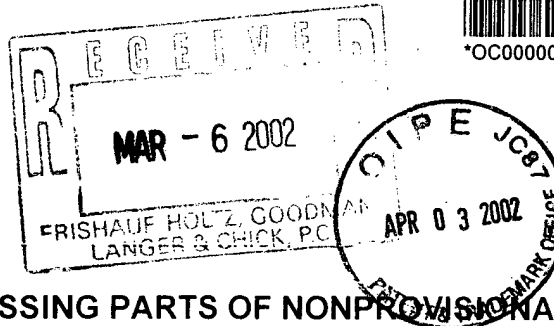
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 - \$84 for 6 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 214.

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